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SUBJECT: POLICY RECOMMENDATION - REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO
MEET WITH PRESIDENT TOURE

REF: (A) CONAKRY 0265, (B) CONAKRY 0303, (C) CONAKRY 0322

1. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECOMMENDATION
TRANSMITTED VIA REF A) FEBRUARY 6.

2. IN HIS OBSESSION WITH ANGOLA SEKOU TOURE HAS OVEREXTENDED
HIS MILITARY COLLABORATION WITH USSR. DURING PAST FOUR
MONTHS SOVIETS HAVE ENJOYED APPARENTLY UNLIMITED ACCESS TO
CONAKRY PORT AND AIRFIELD FOR ARMS TRANSPORT. SOVIET AIRCRAFT
FERRIED GUINEAN BATTALION TO ANGOLA. IN PAST TWO DAYS, SOVIET
SAILORS IN UNIFORM HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTING WHAT APPEARS TO BE
MAJOR FUEL DEPOT IN DOWNTOWN CONAKRY NEAR PORT. (NOTHING
THIS BRAZEN HAS OCCURRED BEFORE.) SOVIET SUBMARINE TIED UP IN
HARBOR YESTERDAY.

3. TOURE KNOWS OF ELLSWORTH TESTIMONY BEFORE CLARK SUBCOM-
MITTEE AND IS AWARE OF RECENT INTERNATIONAL MEDIA ALLUSIONS
TO GUINEA'S SATELLITE STATUS. I BELIEVE HE IS WORRIED HE
MAY HAVE GONE TOO FAR AND IS WORRIED ABOUT HIS RELATIONS
WITH US. HE IS ON THE DEFENSIVE WITH US. (NOTE PRAISE OF PRESIDENT
FORD AND US REPORTED REF C.) HE DEFINITELY DOES NOT WISH
TO FALL FURTHER UNDER SOVIET INFLUENCE. HE DEFINITELY WISHES
TO RETAIN POLITICAL TIES WITH AMERICA AND TO BENEFIT FROM US

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MATERIAL ASSISTANCE. HE NEEDS PL480 FOOD.

4. THIS IS THEREFORE IDEAL MOMENT FOR ME TO TELL HIM HOW HIS ACTIONS APPEAR TO US, ASK WHETHER HE HAS MODIFIED HIS NONALIGNMENT POLICY AND ASK HOW HE VIEWS EVOLUTION OF US-GUINEAN RELATIONS UNDER APPARENTLY NEW CIRCUMSTANCES. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO ALLUDE TO BUGGING OF THIS EMBASSY AND MORE PARTICULARLY TO SOVIET SURVEILLANCE OF THE US ATLANTIC FLEET,-- A CONTINUING GUINEAN STRATEGIC SUPPORT OF THE SOVIETS AGAINST US SECURITY INTERESTS AND UNRELATED TO ANGOLA.

5. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD TAKE QUICK ADVANTAGE OF THIS SITUATION. APPROACH SUCH AS I HAVE RECOMMENDED SHOULD REINFORCE OUR POSITION RELATIVE TO SOVIETS AND SHOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR SOVIETS TO EXPLOIT AT LEAST IN GUINEA THEIR UNQUESTIONED GAINS FROM ANGOLA ADVENTURE. WE SHOULD NOW MOVE BEYOND OUR TRADITIONAL POSITION THAT US GUINEAN BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE NOT IMPAIRED BY GUINEAN RHETORIC AND US GUINEAN FOREIGN POLICY DISAGREEMENTS. THERE IS QUALITATIVE DIFFERENCE IN NEW GUINEAN/SOVIET MILITARY COOPERATION WHICH TOURE SHOULD UNDERSTAND, AND I AM CONFIDENT HE WILL NOT WISH TO CONTINUE IN THIS DIRECTION AT THE COST OF REAL DAMAGE TO HIS RAPPORT WITH THE U.S.
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